

The Greatest School Supply House on the Atlantic Seaboard

Carries an Immense Stock of
**SCHOOL DESKS, BLACKBOARDS, MAPS,
 GLOBES, CHAIRS, CRAYON SUPPLIES---**
FULL EQUIPMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL

*Over 1,200 Articles Used in the School
 Room Always on Hand.*

There is located in the city of Richmond a mammoth house that deals entirely in supplies for schools. The said house is the largest of its kind in the East or South. It is a fact, however, that the Virginia School Supply Company, of which Preston Belvin is president and general manager, stands at the head of the list. It carries the largest stock of schoolroom supplies of any house to be found on the Atlantic seaboard, and does a large business all over the country.

The establishment is located at Ninth and Cary Streets, and fills up a quarter of a city block, the 25,000 square feet of room being occupied with a stock of schoolroom supplies that lays over anything in its line in the country. These supplies consist of not less than 1,200 articles that are used in schoolrooms and auditoriums. There are to be found on the floors immense stocks of desks, blackboards, maps, globes, chairs, crayon supplies, and, in fact, everything, except books, needed to supply any kind of a schoolroom of any size from a little old one-room public or private school up to a college or a university.

The Company not only buys from manufacturers the very best of all manner of schoolroom furniture, and carries the same in stock, but are owners of patents on many fixtures and supplies that are of their own manufacture and are turned out in their big plant.

The State Board of Education has adopted many of the products of this Company for general use in the public schools of the State. Among them may be mentioned a map of Virginia, maps of the different counties, the Royal series of wall maps of all countries and hemispheres; also, stationary globes, swinging globes and tellurian globes. The Board has also adopted the classical maps of this Company for teaching ancient history.

The Company makes a specialty of the following school desks: The Old Dominion school desk, the new Oxford school desks, the Automatic Triumph school desks, the Ideal Adjustable desk and chair and the Ideal Commercial desk. Also is worthy of mention the Company's big line of opera, portable and folding chairs for schoolrooms, assembly-rooms and auditoriums. The school desks of this Company were selected over all competitors for the handsome John Marshall High School of Richmond.

While the Company carries a full line of all kinds of blackboards known to the trade, their own product, manufactured under their own patents, is the "Virgoplate" blackboard. It is made of wood pulp, and has a smooth, velvety surface in black or green. This blackboard has stood the test of years, and has a reputation in foreign lands, because it has been demonstrated that it is especially adapted to stand all climatic changes. So fully has this been demonstrated that the Company does not hesitate to guarantee the boards in any climate for a period of ten years. So great is the domestic and foreign demand for these boards the Company finds it necessary to carry a stock regularly of 25,000.

Another specialty of the Virginia School Supply Company is the "Old Dominion Dustless Crayon." This crayon is manufactured by a patent process especially to obviate the chalk dust of the schoolroom which so often fills the lungs of teachers as well as students. So popular has it become that the schools in forty-three States of the Union and many schools in foreign lands are using it in preference to any other crayon.

Their line of library bookcases and teachers' desks are manufactured in Richmond, an enterprise that gives employment to many artisans and turns out thousands of desks and bookcases every year to be shipped all over the world.

The Old Dominion heating and ventilating system is the patent of Mr. Preston Belvin, the president of the company. Mr. Belvin justly prides himself on the wonderful success of his invention, and well he may, for it is now being used throughout the country, and is regarded as the best heating and ventilating system for schoolrooms, churches and public buildings that has ever been invented. The system is especially adapted to such buildings where it is not expedient to use steam or vapor heat, and to schoolrooms and churches in the rural districts.

By its unique arrangement this system furnishes pure fresh air, which enters under the heater, rushes up through the top and fills the room with a pure heated air, while a foul air flue, located next to the floor of the room, takes off the impure air that may have accumulated in the room as rapidly as though it were sucked up by a fan. This is accomplished by the foul air and smoke pipes being arranged so as to form a syphon. The thing is very simple when you understand it, and the wonder is that the system was not discovered long before Mr. Belvin came upon the scene. The foul and vitiated air which the occupants of a crowded room naturally expel from the lungs in breathing, being heavier than pure fresh air, gradually falls to the floor of the room. The Belvin system is then right on hand to take off this foul air, as described above.

By the use of this system the occupants of a schoolroom or an auditorium or a church never breathe the same air, but every breath taken into the lungs is pure, fresh heated air, and, as a natural result, there is never any complaint on the part of the occupants of such rooms of headaches or of drowsiness.

It would be impossible to tell in detail of the more than a thousand articles carried in the mammoth warehouses and storerooms of the Virginia School Supply Company, but their famous Sanitary School Wagon should be mentioned. When the consolidation movement took hold in Virginia and the South and the wagon for the hauling of children became a necessity, President Belvin set to work to supply the very best wagon that genius could devise for the purpose. His own study and the busy brains of employed genius evolved the "Sanitary School Wagon," which is sold only by this Company, and at a price that puts it within the reach of even a very small schoolhouse.

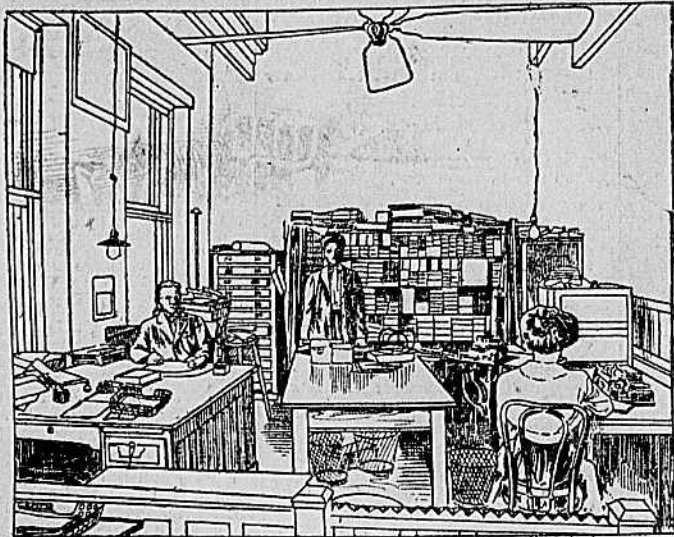
There is no establishment of its kind in the country that carries anything like the varied stock that is handled by the Virginia School Supply Company. The floor space necessary to hold the offices and the big stock is equal to a five-story building with rooms and floors, say, 30 by 150 feet each. All of the stock handled by the Company, and they handle everything that can possibly be called for by a well-regulated school or college or university, is complete, and there is nothing lacking. This is necessary in a great business like this, for the motto of the Company is "Promptness, Quality, Reliability." That a stock to meet this motto is kept may be judged by the fact that thousands of school desks are in stock. A like supply of chairs, globes, blackboards, crayons, and all of the paraphernalia of a first-class schoolroom is always on hand to select from and ship at a moment's notice.

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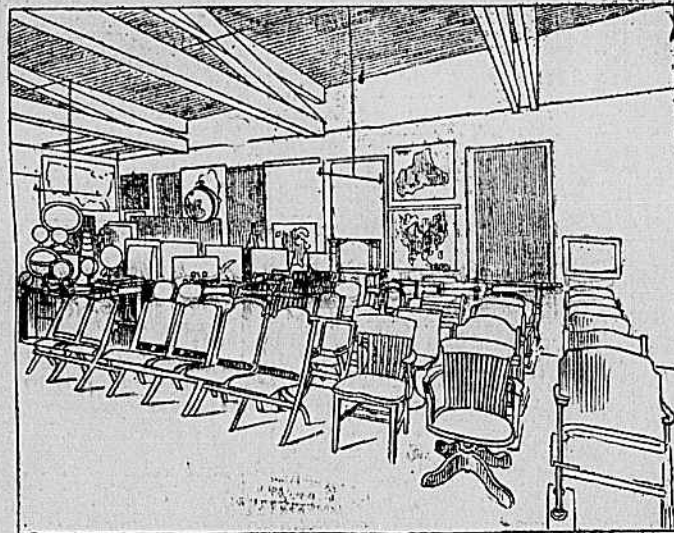
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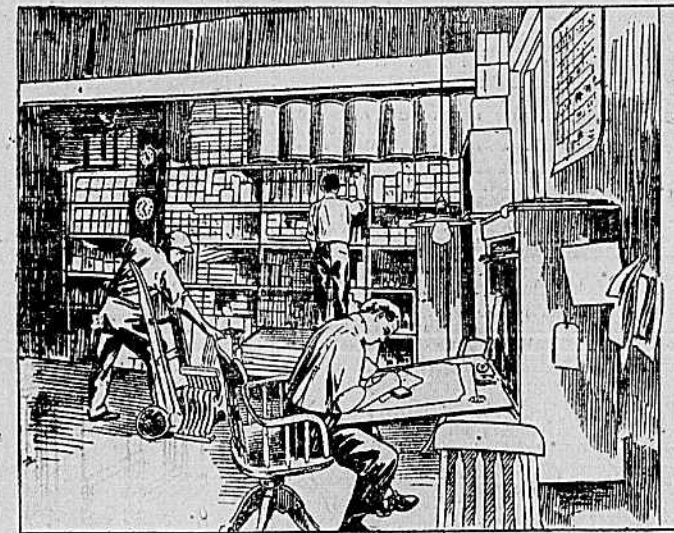
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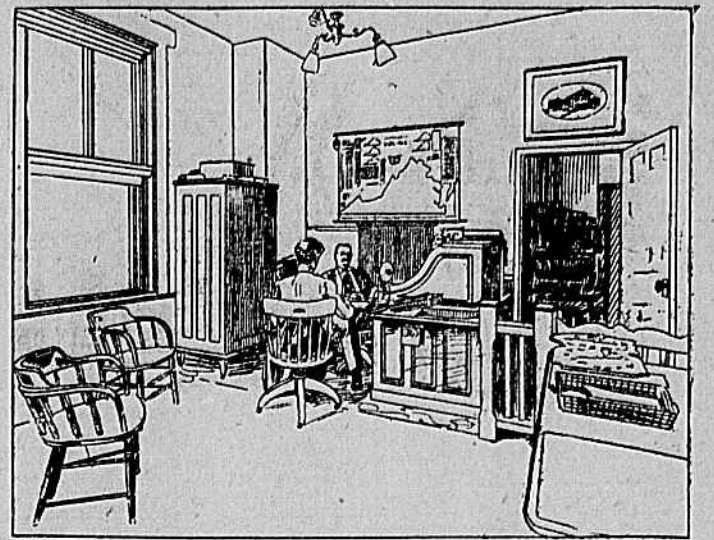
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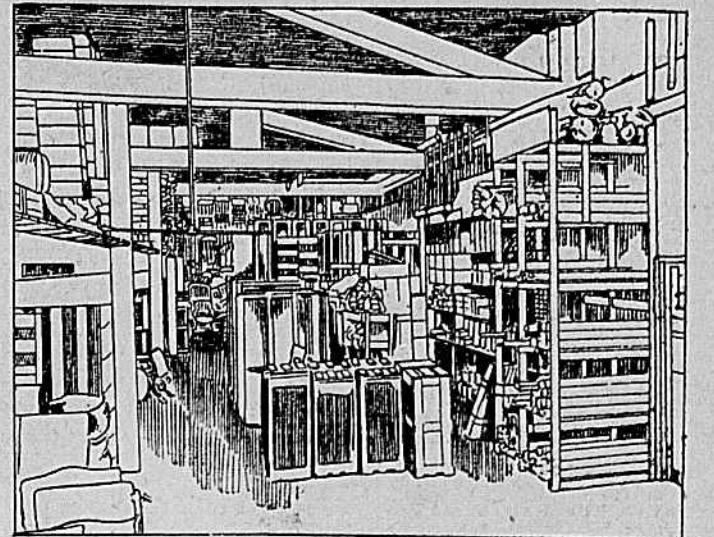
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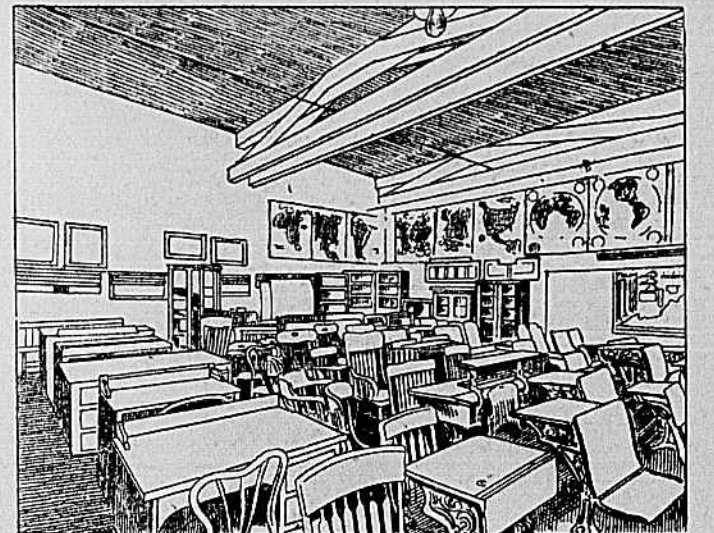
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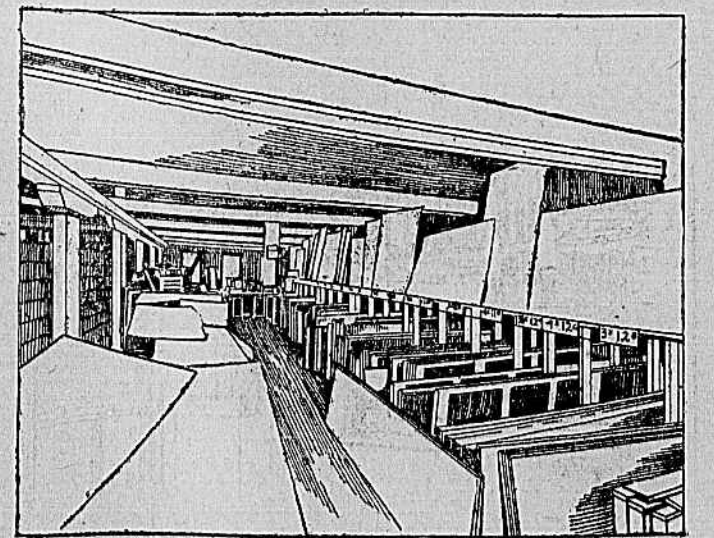
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